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**Citations Affected:** None (noncode).

**Synopsis:** Lincoln bicentennial commission. Establishes the Abraham Lincoln bicentennial commission.

**Effective:** July 1, 2004.



A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning natural and cultural resources.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004] (a) As used in this  
2       SECTION, "bicentennial" refers to the bicentennial of the birth of  
3       Abraham Lincoln.

4       (b) As used in this SECTION, "commission" refers to the  
5       Indiana Abraham Lincoln bicentennial commission established by  
6       subsection (c).

7       (c) There is established the Indiana Abraham Lincoln  
8       bicentennial commission.

9       (d) The commission consists of the following members:

10       (1) Three (3) members of the house of representatives, to be  
11       appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. Not  
12       more than two (2) members appointed under this subdivision  
13       may be members of the same political party.

14       (2) Three (3) members of the senate, to be appointed by the  
15       president pro tempore of the senate. Not more than two (2)  
16       members appointed under this subdivision may be members  
17       of the same political party.

18       (3) The governor or the governor's designee.

19       (4) The director of the department of natural resources or the  
20       director's designee.

21       (5) One (1) employee of the department of commerce with  
22       expertise in the tourism or film industry, to be designated by  
23       the lieutenant governor.

24       (6) One (1) member of the Indiana historical society, to be  
25       appointed by the governor.

26       (7) One (1) member from a postsecondary educational  
27       institution who has demonstrated a substantial knowledge and  
28       appreciation of Abraham Lincoln, to be appointed by the  
29       governor.

30       (8) One (1) member from an elementary or a secondary school  
31       who has demonstrated substantial knowledge and  
32       appreciation of Abraham Lincoln, to be appointed by the



governor.

(9) The chief executive officer of the Lincoln Museum in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

(10) One (1) person who is an Indiana representative to the federal Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (established by Public Law 106-173, H.R. 1451), to be appointed by the governor.

(11) Three (3) Indiana citizens, to be appointed by the governor. Not more than two (2) commission members appointed under this subdivision may be members of the same political party.

(e) The governor or the governor's designee shall act as the chair of the commission.

(f) The commission shall do the following:

(1) Honor Abraham Lincoln and educate Indiana residents and the nation about Indiana's important role in the life of Abraham Lincoln.

(2) Assist local governments and organizations with planning, preparation, and grant applications for bicentennial events and projects.

(3) Coordinate state, local, and nonprofit organizations' bicentennial activities occurring in Indiana.

(4) Cooperate and coordinate with the federal Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (established by Public Law 106-173, H.R. 1451).

(5) Act as a point of contact for federal or other state bicentennial organizations wishing to distribute information to state and local groups about grant opportunities, meetings, and national events.

(6) Plan and implement appropriate events to commemorate the bicentennial.

(7) Seek federal grants and philanthropic support for bicentennial activities.

(8) Perform other duties necessary to highlight Indiana's association with Abraham Lincoln.

(9) Annually report the commission's progress, activities, and recommendations to the governor and the legislative council.

(g) The department of natural resources shall staff the commission.

(h) The expenses of the commission shall be paid from money appropriated to the department of natural resources.

(i) Each member of the commission who is not a state employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties



as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(j) Each member of the commission who is a state employee but who is not a member of the general assembly is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(k) Each member of the commission who is a member of the general assembly is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to legislative members of interim study committees established by the legislative council. Per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid under this subsection shall be paid from appropriations made to the legislative council or the legislative services agency.

(l) Each member of the commission who is appointed by the governor serves at the governor's pleasure.

(m) Each member of the commission who is a member of the general assembly is a nonvoting member.

(n) The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members appointed to the commission are required for the commission to take action on any measure, including final reports.

(o) The commission may establish a citizen advisory board to assist the commission in implementing this SECTION. If the commission establishes a citizen advisory board under this subsection, the following apply:

(1) The board consists of the following members:

(A) Not more than seven (7) citizens appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(B) Not more than seven (7) citizens appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate.

(C) Not more than seven (7) citizens appointed by the governor.

(2) The board has the duties determined by the commission.

(3) The board shall operate under procedures established by the commission.

(4) Members of the board are not entitled to per diem, mileage, or travel allowances.

(p) This SECTION expires January 1, 2010.

